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THE REPLY FILED 17 September 2003 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE. Therefore, further action by the applicant is required to avoid abandonment of this application. A proper reply to a final rejection under 37 CFR 1.113 may only be either: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114.

PERIOD FOR REPLY [check either a) or b)]

- a) The period for reply expires 3 months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
- b) The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection.
ONLY CHECK THIS BOX WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f).

Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

1. A Notice of Appeal was filed on _____. Appellant's Brief must be filed within the period set forth in 37 CFR 1.192(a), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 1.191(d)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal.
2. The proposed amendment(s) will not be entered because:
 - (a) they raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
 - (b) they raise the issue of new matter (see Note below);
 - (c) they are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
 - (d) they present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: _____.
3. Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): _____.
4. Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).
5. The a) affidavit, b) exhibit, or c) request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: see attached NOTE.
6. The affidavit or exhibit will NOT be considered because it is not directed SOLELY to issues which were newly raised by the Examiner in the final rejection.
7. For purposes of Appeal, the proposed amendment(s) a) will not be entered or b) will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.

The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:

Claim(s) allowed: _____.

Claim(s) objected to: _____.

Claim(s) rejected: 1, 4-13 and 15-18.

Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: _____.

8. The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is a) approved or b) disapproved by the Examiner.
9. Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____.
10. Other: _____.

NOTE

1. Since the proposed amendments are still replete with informalities and also vague and indefinite, the Amendments have not been entered. For example, in claim 6, the last line is not eligible. In claim 15, 17 and 18, the Examiner suggests to move the term "directly" immediately after "laminated", so as to further clarify the structural relations. In claim 17, it appears the last line is missing, and the claim is incomplete.
2. Applicants' After Final Remarks have been carefully reconsidered. Applicants' argument that Yamaoka's film is mainly used for packaging, and drop impact strength and heat stability are not required for the instantly claimed invention (Remarks, page 7, paragraphs 4 and 5), the Examiner repeats (Office action dated 6/19/2003) Yamaoka expressly teaches that the laminate can be used as backings for pressure sensitive adhesive tapes; further, it must be noted that Yamaoka discloses the invention as claimed. The fact that it discloses additional properties not required is irrelevant.
3. With respect to Applicants' argument that "Yamaoka describes that both of the layers must contain an elastomer and that when the amount of the elastomer is reduced, the film has problems" (Remarks, page 8, third full paragraph), the Examiner notes that while Yamaoka teaches typically layers B comprising a polyolefin and a thermoplastic resin, Yamaoka also expressly teaches an exception for layer B to be comprised of propylene resin alone as it is known that polyolefin is suitable for preserving blood platelets (column 2, lines 26-28). As such, Yamaoka does teach or

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anticipate the instantly claimed invention, Applicants' argument to the contrary notwithstanding.

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